

Application Number 09/975,628
Responsive to Office Action mailed March 9, 2005

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005. Applicant has amended claims 1, 11, 15, 18, 24, and 49. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-15, 17-27, 29-35, 37, 38, 40-46 and 48-53 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 15, 17-19, 21-27, 29-35, 37-38, 40-48, 52 and 53 are allowable in their present form, and objected to claims 1-3, 5, 7-14, 49-51 based on formal corrections required for claims 1 and 49. In this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 49 to address the informalities raised by the Examiner. Claims 11, 15, 18, and 24 have been similarly amended. Consequently, claims 1-3, 5, 7-15, 17-27, 29-35, 37, 38, 40-46 and 48-53 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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